## The Trail of the Dead:

THE STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF DR. ROBERT HARLAND

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CHAPTER V. DORF HAM.

savant, brought about the death of his October, ch, Cousin Robert?" rival and critic, Professor Von Stockmar, of Heidelberg University, I have for pleasure." already explained. I have, moreover, related the accident by which my cousin, Sir Henry Graden, the famous explorer and scientist, chanced to be visiting me. a student of medicine at the German university; and I have endeavored to outline the steps by which the baronet arrived at the discovery of the crime that had been committed. I have now to tell of terrible in its conclusion. For this, the first adventure in the chase of this inhuman monster, it may be said that I Mystery of the Lemsdorf Ham" is too appropriate to be neglected for that rea-

At the first the Heidelberg police met our theory of Von Stockmar's death with incredulity. When they moved in earn- on our journey. est it was too late; all trace of Professor Marnac had been lost. It was discovered that he had taken from his rooms a small traveling value and a considerable sum in ready money; but beyond these facts nothing was known; even his manner of leaving Heidelberg was a

For myself, the weeks that followed were in every respect intolerable. From a peaceful student I found myself transformed into a secret ally of the police, an unhappy being whose privacy was liable to be disturbed at all hours by some inquisitive official. Even worse, the authorities had detained my cousin, and those who are intimates of Sir Henry Graden will understand that I suffered at his hands. In the capture of the murderer-as we knew Marnac to be -he took a passionate interest. He was forever in my rooms, denouncing the authorities for their delay, advancing theories, or cursing his own inaction. The lieutenant in charge of the Heidelthe Englishman, and, indeed, refused all interviews in which he was not adequate-

On a calm October morning I was sitthe momentary quiet I enjoyed, when the door burst open and my cousin come frolicking into the room. I admit the absurdity of the expression when applied to a middle-aged giant of sixteen stone; but frolicking describes it. Without a word of apology he seized my book, a new edition of "Digestive Organs of Molluscs," and flung it into the fireplace. It was too much.

ly protected by his satellites.

"Henry Graden," said I, starting up indignantly, "you are my cousin, but you presume on that relationship. These school-boy antics are insupportable."

'Capital, Robert! capital!" he answered, regarding me with a comical "I say! there's stuff in the expression. boy! You'd like to punch my head, I suppose?"

I was somewhat ashamed of my outburst, and picked up the book, which of his customary chair, I found a volwas greatly damaged, before I replied. 'It's all very well, Cousin Graden,' I said, sulkily enough. "But between you and the police, I am worried to

"Good! Then you can have no objection to leaving Heidelberg this afternoon.

"Leave Heidelberg! Why should I leave Heidelberg?" He strode over to where I stood and

laid his great hand on my shoulder with a touch that implied an apology. "A schoolboy you called me just now.

That's just what I am, a schoolboy let loose on the playground. The police have raised their embargo. An address which will bring me when they have need of my evidence-that is all they ask. Now, want a traveling companion-a man I can trust. You can guess my errand. Cousin Robert. Before a week is out I shall have my hand on him, I shall, by heaven! You will come with me? Good lad, I knew it. The train leaves at three. I'll call for you."

"But where are we going?" I shouted. running to the door; for already he was down a score of stairs. "St. Petersburg. You have a pass-

"Yes-but Cousin Graden, Cousin Graden, I say-

It was no use. I heard the street door slam behind him. St. Petersburg -and the winter coming on. Eugh! I had always detested cold. But next to escaping misfortune it is best to possess a philosophic mind. I commenced to pack

my bag with my warmest underwear.

At thirty-five minutes past two Graden sent up word to say that he had a cab waiting my pleasure, and in three minutes more my luggage was upon it. Halfway down the main street we chanced upon Mossel, the fat lieutenant of police. He glanced at us keenly, with, as I thought, a certain suspicion. Graden saluted him coldly, muttering maledictions upon him for a stupid ass. There was no great friendship between the two. I paid the cab while my cousin saw to the tickets. Five marks provided us with a subservient guard and an empty carriage.

"And what are your plans for this intolerable Petersburg expedition?" asked, as the train thumped its way out of the station.

We are not going to St. Petersburg. We are going to Lemsdorf." To Lemsdorf! I have never heard of

the place." No more had I an hour ago. Allow me to discover it." He pulled a red-bound Baedeker out of his pocket and fluttered through the

Here we have it-'Lemsdorf: fourteen to fifteen hours from Berlin. Rising town in West Prussia; 12,000 inhabitants. Large dye-works. 'Prinz von Preussen,' 'Goldner Adler' hotels well spoken of. Cab from the station, 75 pg. Little of historical interest. Excursions

to Denker and the Huren, a wild and II .- THE MYSTERY OF THE LEMS desolate district with several large lakes, on the Russian frontier.' Not altogether How Rudolf Marnac, the venerable an inviting prospect at the latter end of

"I did not imagine we were going there

"Pessimist! Do neither the 'Prinz von Preussen' nor the 'woldner Adler,' 'well spoken of,' as Baedeker describes these hostelries, attract you? Then the dyeworks, they are sure to be interesting."

"Henry Graden," cried I with determination, "you try me too far! I am as eager as yourself that this criminal should be brought to justice. For this the pursuit of Marnac, the murderer; a reason alone I have every right to know pursuit as strange in its outset as it was the why and wherefore of an expedition which will entail upon me, as I see clearly, the most extraordinary discomforts.'

"It seems a pity, my dear cousin, that have chosen a fanciful title. Yet "The Nature, which endowed you with so many admirable qualities, should have omitted the saving grace of humor," he rejoined. And then changing his tone to a greater sobriety: "You shall hear all that I know or conjecture. It will, at least, help us

"First, as to the facts at my disposal. For myself, I had heard much of Rudolf Marnac, but only as a Heldelberg professor of distinction, whose stupendous effort, 'Science and Belief,' had set educated Europe by the ears. From you I learned of his quarrel with Yon Stockmar, a quarrel originating in the latter's attack on the work in question, of which Marnac was inordinately vain. Then came the chain of facts that proved-to our mind at least-that Marnac had murdered his colleague with a diabolical ingenuity. Could such a crime be inspired by a quarrel so trifling? It was almost past belief. Further evidence was necessary; and this evidence the investiga-

tions of the police have supplied. When I learned that his father, Jean Marnac, had died in a Paris asylum, I began to see my way. But it was the statements of his servants that cleared up my last doubt. An eccentricity which at one time amused them had of late been changed to a violence that filled berg police went in absolute terror of them with terror. He had presented them with copies of the book, elaborately bound. A housekeeper who had served him for twenty years was loaded with abuse and discharged because the old ting reading by my window, thankful of creature admitted that she could not follow his arguments. He was the victim of a partial mania. Such cases are not uncommon.

"Whither had this dangerous creature fled? It seemed a mystery insoluble. He was well provided with money; on all topics but one he was admirably sensibie. The police admitted that he had beaten them. But only yesterday I obtained a clue. It may be valueless; but for myself I think otherwise. At least it is worth the journey I am asking you to center of the room. make in my company.

"At my urgent request the police adted me to his rooms. they had already examined, without result. I found that he possessed a fine library. I am a book-lover, and my first step was to examine it. Tucked away in a corner of a shelf, yet within easy reach ume. It was typical of the man that it should be elegantly bound. Within were collected the hostile criticisms with which his book had been loaded. The more severe were scribbled over with the vilest epithets. Von Stockmar was personally threatened, as was also a certain Mechersky, a professor of the Imperial University at Petersburg. I abstracted the volume. You may like to examine it."

He drew it from the capacious pocket of his traveling ulster and gave it to me. The cover was of the choicest morocco; upon it, in gold, were emblazoned the arms of the university. It was a triumph of the binder's art, yet I handled it with a singular feeling of disgust. The interior was oddly divided. The

greater part consisted of clippings from papers and magazines, neatly gummed upon blank pages. But here and there were interpolated pamphlets, held in their place by elastic bands. In contrast with this orderly arrangement, scarcely a page but was defaced by penciled remarks, satirical or abusive. I ran through them hastily until I came upon the article which bore Mechersky's name, extracted apparently from some French review. Its severity seemed to have lashed Marnac to fury. It was covered with a maze of pencilings. But my attention was soon centered on a portion of the text which, being underlined in red, stood out from the page with some prominence. "The author of 'Science and Belief'," for thus it ran, "seems to have lost touch with humanity. His deductions might be correct if men were bloodless, merciless automatons. He regards them as might some reptile-let us say, a toad scientifically inclined." Across this criticism, which seemed to me unnecessarily severe, was written in German: "Infamous scoundrel! Would that I might crush you like a toad!" "A curious wish," I said, pointing to

the passage.

"And from Marnac a most dangerous he answered. "I can only hope we one.' shall reach Lemsdorf in time.' "Lemsdorf again! And why Lems-

dorf?" "For the excellent reason, Cousin Robert, that Mechersky, who comes of landowning Polish stock, is holiday-making at Castle Oster, a place he has in that neighborhood. And as sure as I sit here,

where Mechersky is, there will be that madman, Rudolf Marnac. If he means to murder the man, he will have had nigh on a month to bring it off. Heaven grant that we're in time!' The tone in which he spoke thrilled me with a dreadful anxiety. The danger

was indefinable; but fear draws its darkest terrors from the unknown. "One thing more," I said. "How did you discover Mecheraky's whereabouts?" "I had thought him at St. Petersburg; but a wire to a friend there gave me the information I required."

CHAPTER VI. I have neither the necessity may the inclination to dwell on that journey. It was very late when we rolled into the station of the good town of Leipsic. where we spent the night at a convenient hotel. Yet it was at an early hour that Graden roused me from a tired sleep to catch the Posen express. The country through which we now journeyed was of a melancholy similitude, and the broad plains, though reasonably cultivated, afected me with a mental depression which the cheery efforts of my companion could not conquer. The day was drawing to its close as we reached Posen and passed through that fortress city into a land of desolation. Gloomy pine woods, great lakes on which the dying sun threw patches of ruddy gold, forlorn heaths and swamps that, as I imagined, could scarcely be equaled for sheer dismalness of aspect, slid by us in a never-ending chain. Save for the eastern sky, glorified by the flery sunset, the heavens were obscured by ponderous clouds of muddy grey that foretell the first snow of winter. Darkness had fallen when we changed carriages at a junction; but it was close upon midnight before my cousin, who had been sitting with a Continental Bradshaw on his knees, thrust the number of the whole is many times his head out of the window and cried that the lights of Lemsdorf were in ago. The form of the trotter, as well sight. Our luggage was piled upon an antiquated cab and in ten minutes more the host of the 'Goldner Adler,' a thin, handsome Pole, was bowing a stately welcome to his guests. Supper-and then to bed. The room assigned to me was an oak-

paneled apartment of considerable size, the stamina so essential to roadsters. and the single candle with which I was The thoroughbred runner of to-day is provided seemed only to deepen the lurk- largely indebted to Diomed, Sir Archy, ing shadows round the walls. The huge Glencoe and Lexington for improvechina stove failed to warm a place so thoroughly ventilated by draughts. At another time the cause of our journey, combined with the uncanny nature of these surroundings, might have acted on lng 400 pounds live weight, with also my nerves. But I was too weary, too an increase in length of wool and angry with my present discomfort, to weight of fleece, while the best merigive opportunity to fanciful terrors. The nos can shear over thirty pounds. bed was small, and in all probability damp. I took off my coat, rolled myself in a thick traveling rug, heaped the clothes upon me, and blowing out the candie I had placed on a table at my elbow, lay down to sleep.

How long I may have slept I cannot say, but I was awakened by a sudden by one who fully understands the se-flash of light that struck like a blow jection of the choicest individuals their seconds, it may have been, I lay motionless. The room was in utter darkness and silence. Then I heard a footfall, a creaking of a door. I sprang from my bed, only to trip and fall heavily over the rug which I had carried with me. I groped for the table, found it, and lit the candle, crouching, half expectant of some attack when I should reveal my- on the other hand there is opportunity self. I looked keenly about me-the room to feed it extravagantly as well as was empty.

was still ajar. I ran to it, shading the light with my hand, peered down the passage. There was no one visible. I returned to the room, this time locking the door securely. Perhaps, after all, I reasoned, there had been no cause for my alarm. Some fellow-guest might have mistaken his chamber, retiring quickly While gluten meal is frequently fed on discovering his error. This argument heartened me, for, to be honest, I was shaken not a little. I examined the room carefully, without result; and then, after a composing cigarette, slipped back into bed, leaving the candle burning in the

(To be continued.)

## Posed as a Detective in Order to Get but is best cut out of the summer ra-Money from Victim.

One French became acquainted with Gerry Harlow, a leading citizen of Dixfield, while the two were spending a few days in Portland. The two seemed congenial and decided to be comrades on a little excursion to Rangeley. They passed a happy week at Maine's lake resort. One morning French came back with the story that he had found a moose in the woods. He asked Harlow if he did not want to help him bring it in in the afterpoon. Harlow assented and the two started off. When they reached a lonely spot they left the road and went into the woods; French suddenly point-

French showed a United States de tective's badge and told Harlow that be was under arrest on the charge of passing counterfelt money. Harlow attempted to escape, whereupon French shot at him, the bullet striking Harlow's neck, where it is still embedded.

ed a pistol at Harlow, and told him to

hold up his hands.

French told Harlow that two other officers were in the woods watching his every movement and should be attempt to escape would shoot at him. French then said he was going to town after a team with which to take the prisoner to the Farmington jail. Harlow was completely terrorized. French compelled him to give up his money, his diamond ring, two signed checks and then forced him to write two more checks to his (French's) order.

French then left Harlow in the woods and was gone about two hours, returning, as he said he would, with a team. Then came an all-night drive, with a brief halt for a few hours' sleep, and in the morning French reached Farmington with his prisoner and

marched him into jail. French showed his badge and told the faller that the prisoner was a desperate man and no one should be allowed to see him. French went to the bank in Farmington and tried to cash his check and this is where he made his mistake. The man from whom he rented the team appeared with papers for his arrest and then quickly the plot was untangled. French was discovered to be a bogus detective. Harlow was given his freedom, and after a short trial French was sent down to State prison to serve a long sentence.-Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Even the Hens. "A hen out in Ohio is laying eggs

inside out." "So it seems that even the hens are getting down to the skin game."-Baltimore American,



Improving Live Stock. The best families of horses, whether thoroughbred runners or trotters, were produced from a few selected ancestors, inbreeding being largely practiced. Breeding close to the Messenger blood, through Hambletonian, has certainly increased the speed of our trotters, and, admitting that the instinct of trotting has been more firmly impressed, yet there is a much larger proportion of failures, compared with the success attained, if the fact is considered that greater than that of half a century as that of the thoroughbred, shows plainly the work of inbreeding, for while the spirit and will force have been increased, it has required an occasional infusion of new blood (not, however, altogether foreign) to retain ment in endurance and speed.

The mutton breeds of sheep are now capable of producing specimens exceed-

Every decade has witnessed the breaking of "records" among all classes of animals, which is the best evidence that improvement is rapid, much of the success being due to inbreeding, a system that is unsafe unless practiced lection of the choicest individuals, their through the darkness. For a score of adaptation to circumstances and the objects sought to be accomplished,

Feeding Gluten Menl. Gluten feed is very valuable in the dairy; rich in protein and something of which the stock are very fond, it can be profitably used if handled rightly; to feed so much of it that the cows But I had had a visitor, for the door will be injured. It should be invariably fed with some other grain, and if other concentrated foods are used it is better not to feed the gluten daily. If, however, bran is used to a considerable extent the gluten feed may be safely made a part of the daily ration. with ground corn and cob meal, and fed inexpensively in this way, we prefer to use it with cornmeal and bran, about three pounds of gluten meal to two pounds each of the bran and cornmeal, giving, of course, a liberal quantity of roughage. As gluten produces considerable body heat, and more when red in conjunction with cornmeal, it is essentially a valuable winter feed.

Handy Salt Box.

tion.

This handy salt box can be put up against the shed, and cattle can get salt at will. The salt will be out of the weather, and there will be no trouble of salting the cattle every few days. The box should be made 18 inches wide, 24 inches long, 12 inches deep in front and 16 inches in the back, so that the tid will have enough fall to shut itself when released. The lid should extend four luches over the box for a cow to get hold on. A notch should be cut four inches deep in front of the box (a), so that when a cow smells the box she will smell salt and etick her tongue in the notch (a) and lick it. By



HANDY BALT BOX.

pushing a little harder the lid will raise up and she can get enough salt, and the box will close.-Farm Prog-

How to Prune Large Trees. In changing the top of large trees, such branches only should be cut as will insure a well-balanced top. Two or three years will be required for grafting a large tree. It will not do to slaughter all the branches at once. It would be liable to give a shock from which the tree would never recover. Some of the small side branches or limbs grafted should be allowed to remain the first year, at least, and pruned off when the grafts have attained considerable size. It must not be inferred that grafting is limited to the apple. The pear, plum and cherry may be worked in the same way. Neither is it necessary to wait for the old or new moon before cutting your scions. The precise time for grafting is not material. It may be done when apples

Brief Farm Topica The farmer who broke his hoe handie leaning on it was leaning on the wrong thing.

are on the tree the size of hickory nuts,

but an earlier time is preferable.

F. G. Bartlett, of Socorro County, N. M., recently sold 12,000 pounds of scoured wool, the last year's clip of his own flocks, He claims to have made \$1,200 off his wook

To combat the fraud of selling sheenskin for real kid a demonstration was recently made in Wilmington, Del. with a view to educating purchasers to buy nothing but the real article.

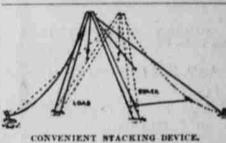
As a rule it requires quite a change of the program to induce a man to leave the cornfield to engage in other pursuits when there are so many weeds that need killing, but it is all right to stop to haul off a lot of bogs that have been finished for the market when prices are right.

Insects on Grass.

Numerous inquiries have come into the office of the Rhode Island Experiment Station regarding the cause of the frothy masses on grass and other herbaceous plants and on shrubs and trees. Popularly this has been ascribed to frogs and snakes and named either frog or snake spittle, as the case might be. In fact, it is due to a small insect belonging to the Hemiptera or true bugs, which live inside the frothy mass. Commonly these insects are called spittle insects for obvious reasons, and also frog hoppers, becaue of their connection with the frothy mass which was formerly known as frog spittle, or because in their broad, squatty appearance when mature, they resemble frogs to some extent. It is not known exactly how the frothy mass is produced, but it is supposed that the insect pumps the sap out of the plants, and in passing it through the allmentary canal mixes air with it to form small air bubbles. There are quite a number of species found at the present time, some living on grass, others on shrubs, and also on trees, both evergreen and deciduous. Most of the specles have their early or nymph stage entirely within the protection of the frothy mass. When adult, however, they are found outside in the open air.

Stacking Arrangement.

here shown can be readily constructed. The poles are leaning against the two taut guy wires so the fork hangs di- 1714 Accession of the Elector of B rectly over the load. As the horse pulls on the rope with pulley attached a short distance from the ground the load of bay on the fork is drawn up to the pulley and the pulling draws the poles 1777-Lafayette made Major General



over as shown in the dotted lines so the fork hangs over the stack when 1814-British force repulsed is en the strip is thrown and the load discharged on the stack.

Roots for Sheep.

Turnips and rutabagas are probably the best roots for sheep. Breeding sheep, and especially lambs, should be fed largely upon them instead of grain. 1830-Abdication of Charles I. This is a view held by the best shepherds. The view is probably correcand the practice might well be inaugurated by sheepmen. The purple-topped, strap-leafed turnips have generally given best results. They should be sown somewhat thick, and thinned to four to six inches in a row. The thinning can best be done when the drills are made upon ridges provided for the purpose. With these crops should be drilled either a bit of turnip or radish seed. This will permit earlier cultivation, because these seeds come up earlier than the mangels or carrots and thus outline the row. The mammoth Long Red and Golden Tankard mangels and the Mastodon carrots are standard varieties.

To Combat Cabbage Maggots.

For cabbage maggot use lime or wood ashes, or both mixed, sprinkling them over the soil and plants. But a new remedy used last year was made from a very strong sonpsuds, to which was added one pint of crude carbolic acid 1873-Large section of Portist 0 to a gallon of the boiling suds, and the mixture made into an emulsion by shaking it together in a tightly covered pail. Take this emulsion and add to 1876-Colorado admitted as a 823. thirty times its bulk of water, and use freely around the plants. Of course this remedy would not be practical on 1884-Reception of the survivot of a very large area, but for those who raise only a few cabbages it seems to be the best plan there is. The large growers do not bother much with remedies, but rely on using fresh ground about every year to prevent attack by such pests.

Millions of Frozen Carensses. According to Sir E. Montague Nelson,

says the Engineer of London, there are sixty large meat-freezing establishments in the colonies and Argentina; the carrying trade is represented by 174 refrigerated steamers, with a capacity calculated at no less than 10, 000,000 carcasses; and in England there are 28 refrigerated stores in London and 100 in provincial towns for the storage of meat on arrival. These distribute daily on the average over 26,-000 sheep and lambs and 4,000 quarters beef. The total importation of frozen meats into Great Britain during 1905 consisted of 8,277,731 carcasses mutton and lamb and 1,271,353 quarters beef.

Bogus Clover Seed. The clover seed business is being

closely watched by agents of the Department of Agriculture. Of 521 samples of red clover obtained in the open market 116 samples were found to contain seed of the dodder, five sam were adulterated with seed of yellow trifoil, a worthless plant, of which the seed resembles the clover. In fact, cattle have been made sick by eating clover mixed with the trifoil plant, while the dodder plant is a still more serious pest



1347 -Calais, France, taken by the p lish after a year's siege. 1423 English victorious at but, Crevant, in France.

1469-Institution of the Order of Michael in France. 1477-Jacques d'Armag Nemours, beheaded by Louis XI.

1492 Columbus embarked so his voyage of discovery. 1498 Columbus discovered the of Trinidad. 1589 Assassination of Heary III

France by Jacques Clem-1592-Sir Walter Raleigh dispussed sent to the Tower. 1662-Treaty between Plymonth ed and King Philip.

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1848 City of Vern Cruz delivered to Mexicans by the United States 1854-Yellow fever became epides New Orienns.... Rossin's "Welliam Tell," given first pub

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1861-Congress passed an act for ing \$500,000,000 by tax and tarf. Confederate privateer Petrel said U. S. frigate St. Lawrence, 1862-Confederate ram Arkansa en ed above Baton Rouge, La.

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1874 Gen. Custer's expedition m the Black Hills.

1883 Southern Exposition at Len opened. Greely arctic expedition at 1 mouth, N. H.... Henry M. Su

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in San Francisco; loss \$5,000 1889-Pilgrim monument at Ph Mass., dedicated. 1800-Kemmler executed by e

at Auburn, N. Y.; first on p 1893 Corinth canal opened. 1894 Trial of Santo Cesario for sa of President Carnot begun at

... Li Hung Chang into the Chinese war against Japan. 1808 Spain accepted American tions of peace.... Martin Tars ecuted at Sing Sing for un William Guldensuppe.

1903-Suit brought by State of sota against Northern S. Company in United States Co. unlased . . . . Cardinals went clave for election of si Pope Leo XIII.

1905 Japanese captured the

Monkey's Ronge "Kamala" is the vern the red dye produced from the of the mature fruit of a tre "Mallotus phillipinensis," called the "monkey face try monkeys paint their faces red bing them with the fruit. striking instance of the beredity.-Madras Mall.